

WYCOMBE SUPERIOR—BUT OUT OF LUCK

Sports Mail Special Report

WOKING 4 : WYCOMBE WAND. 2

ENCOURAGED by their biggest win of the season — against Corinthian-Casuals — Wycombe Wanderers continued their Isthmian League experiment of playing former wing half Ivor Ashby at inside right in the unchanged team which visited Woking this afternoon, but were out of luck and were beaten 4—2.

Woking: Farris; Debell, Finn; Cashmore, Turner, Halder; Furlonger, Dowse, Mortimore, Collins, Harris.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Atkins; Thomas, Fisher, Worley; Rockell, Ashby, Bates, Trott, Murphy.

Referee: L. Rockman.

Heavy rain before the game started made the surface very treacherous, but with wing halves Thomas and Worley in attacking mood Wycombe looked more likely to score.

SHOCK GOAL

They nearly did when Ashby headed Rockell's corner just over. But it was Woking who went ahead with an eighth minute shock goal.

HARRIS, who had been obstructed by Beck, darted through to head home Collins' free kick.

This was rough on Wycombe who were playing

the more composed and controlled football.

When Murphy crossed from the right Bates missed a good equalising chance and Ashby—who was foraging with great zest — was twice only just squeezed out by late tackles.

International veteran Charlie Mortimore was being closely shadowed by John Fisher, but he spreadeagled the Wycombe defence with one shrewd pass and Brown made a flying save to keep out Furlonger.

TANGLES

Harris nearly grabbed a second goal with a great drive.

The Woking defence got into two terrible tangles as first Ashby nearly scored and then Murphy had a shot blocked from Ashby's centre.

After 30 minutes a full-blooded shot from **TROTT** scored a deserved equaliser, Bates making the pass.

Back came Woking with a breakaway goal. **DOWSE** nipped through to slam in Harris's pass with the Wycombe defence appealing for offside.

Half-time: Woking 2, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

TROTT AGAIN

The first ten minutes after the interval were crammed with action. After Atkins had made a clearance for Wycombe off the goal-line, Murphy forced a corner on the right. **TROTT** beat everybody to the cross and scored with a fine header.

Woking swept back into the lead for the third time, three minutes later **MORTIMORE'S** shot wrong-footing Brown.

This was still anybody's game as Bates proved when he headed Trott's centre against the post.

The Wanderers' forwards made a sustained effort to get back on terms, and veteran Trott was behind almost every raid. The Woking defence kept cool under pressure.

With 12 minutes to go **HARRIS** sealed Wycombe's fate with a glorious 30 yards' drive.

RESULT:

WOKING 4
WYCOMBE 2